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For (Title):	PROSTHESIS FOR REINFORCEMENT OF TISSUE STRUCTURES	
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\boxtimes	Formal drawings (Figs. 1-9; 2 sheets) are attached.			
	Use Figure for front page of Publication.			
	A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.			
\boxtimes	This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/423,379 filed November 4, 2002.			
	(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)			
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L_3	The executed Assignment is filed herewith.			
	An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.			
H	Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.			
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H	Priority of foreign application(s) No filed in is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).			
ш	A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.			
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ш	the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another			
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